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MORE VIOLATORS OF LAW

Negroes Brought Before the Police Court This Morning Charged With Infractions of the Mapp Act.

Jeff Lightfoot, colored, was taken in custody last night by Special officer Francis, of the R., F. and P. R. R., for violating the prohibition law. He was locked up in the station house and brought before the Police Court this morning, when the officer testified that Lightfoot drank liquor upon the premises of the railroad company, and carried a satchel which contained three quarts of whisky. The latter was produced in court. Lightfoot made no attempt at a defense, and was ordered to be held for the action of the grand jury.

George Francis, colored, was next made to face the bar. It was alleged by his wife that he acted cruel and strangely last night, presumably while under the influence of liquor. She told of the indignity she had suffered when her liege lord, with the aid of others in the house, had castigated her as though she were a child. She also told the police that her husband had an unlawful quantity of whisky in the house. The police upon making an investigation, found six pint bottles of whisky, bottled in Baltimore, according to the labels, which had not been opened, and another bottle with a small amount of its previous contents in evidence. Francis was represented by Robinson Moncure, who stated that his client had informed him that the six pints had been procured previous to November 1, 1916, the time the state became dry. The prisoner made a similar statement. At the request of his counsel, the case was continued until next Tuesday morning at nine o'clock.

PLENTY OF FUEL.

45 Miles of Coal Cars at One Point Awaiting Engines.

Scranton, Jan. 19. — Forty-five miles of cars filled with coal are lying along the lines of the Delaware and Hudson company between Green Ridge and Carbondale.

Referring to this condition of affairs, miners in this vicinity say:

"We'll furnish all the coal that's needed if the cars in which to load it are furnished."

Delaware and Hudson collieries in Archibald borough are dumping coal outside of the breakers because there are no cars under the breakers to receive it. Miners in and around Scranton are unable to work full time because of the car shortage. Most of the mine workers who have left to work at munition plants have quit because of unsteady conditions. Many of them could work only three and four days a week, when they were eager to get in six days and even overtime.

In the Keyser valley yards of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad there are three sets of rails extending three miles, all filled with loaded cars. An engine shortage is responsible.

As proof that there is no shortage of production, the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company closed down operations in one vein of the national mine in south Scranton a few days ago because of the car shortage. Twenty-six miners were laid off. A strike of 800 hands followed for the reinstatement of the men.

The company was unable to place them at any of its mines. Finally the strikers returned to work on the assurance that the colliery would resume full capacity operations in a few days.

POLICE CHIEF DIES.

Major Louis Werner of Richmond, Passes Away at His Home After Brief Illness.

Major Louis Werner, Chief of Police died at his home in Richmond, Thursday night. The chief had been ill only a week when death came from a complication of heart trouble and congestion of the lungs.

Of German parentage, Mr. Werner was born in New York City, July 11, 1856, and was at the time of his death in his sixty-third year. His early youth was spent in New York City, and when eighteen he went to Richmond. He entered the service of the city as a patrolman in the Police Department on October 1, 1888, and served faithfully and efficiently in that capacity in the First Police Precinct for sixteen years.

THE GARFIELD ORDER

President Wilson Issues a Statement in Which He Approves of the Fuel Administrators Course.

With rumors abroad of a serious split in the Cabinet, growing out of the Garfield order closing down industries, President Wilson last night broke his silence and issued a statement defending the drastic action taken. The statement was issued following a lengthy Cabinet meeting.

Immediately after the Cabinet adjourned, the President went into conference with Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior; Secretary of the Navy Daniels and Attorney-General Gregory.

Reports were current that Secretary Lane, incensed over the failure of the President to consult with the entire Cabinet before issuing the order, had resigned. This was denied at the White House. The statement persists, however, that sharp differences have arisen in which Mr. Lane is a central figure.

The following is the statement issued by the President:

"I was, of course, consulted by Mr Garfield before the fuel order of yesterday was issued and fully agreed with him that it was necessary, much as I regretted the necessity. This will call for many sacrifices, and sacrifices of the sort called for by this order are infinitely less than sacrifices of life which might otherwise be involved.

"It is absolutely necessary to get the ships away, it is absolutely necessary to relieve the congestion at the ports and upon the railways, it is absolutely necessary to move great quantities of food, and it is absolutely necessary that our people should be warmed in their homes, if nowhere else, and half-way measures would not have accomplished the desired ends.

"If action such as this had not been taken, we should have limped along from day to day with a slowly improving condition of affairs with regard to the shipment of food and of coal, but without such immediate relief as had become absolutely necessary because of the congestion of traffic, which has been piling up for the last few months.

"I have every confidence that the results of action of this sort will justify it and that the people of the country will loyally and patriotically respond to necessities of this kind, as they have to every other sacfifice involved in war.

"We are upon a war footing, and I am confident that the people of the United States are willing to observe the same sort of discipline that might be involved in the actual conflict itself."

"WOODROW WILSON."

Asked whether police departments would be enlisted by State administrators to see that the order was carried out in every instance, Dr. Garfield said that he expected local authorities to offer their facilities for the enforcement of an order based on patriotic exigency. Each local administrator as a matter of course, he said, would enlist whatever agencies should be necessary to enforcement.

Section 25 of the Lever act referred to by Dr. Garfield as the specific empowering paragraph for the curtailment order, reads, in part:

"That the President of the United States shall be * * * * empowered * * * * to establish rules for the regulation of coal and to regulate the method of production, sale, shipment, distribution, apportionment or storage thereof among dealers and consumers * * * *"

The bill provides, as penalty for violation, $5,000 fine or two years' imprisonment, or both.

The law provides, also, it was pointed out by the Fuel Administration, that the administrator may cut off all supplies from any offender, and this punitive embargo authority is expected to have adequate deterrment effect on any who might be tempted to defy any detail of the suspension edict.

Notice.

The office of the Clerk of Gas will be open Monday, January 21, 1918, from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. Orders for coke will be issued on this date. Only one load orders will be issued and only one load to purchaser.

J. B. Waller,
Clerk of Gas.

13-3t.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

Services of St. Paul's church tomorrow will be held in the Norton Memorial. There will be no early celebration of the Holy Communion.

Mrs. Elizabeth Norris, aged 41, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Harry Priest, 1714 Duke street, this city, this afternoon at half-past one o'clock. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

The Rev. Dr. J. W. Duffey, formerly pastor of the Methodist church South in this city and now located at Rockville, Md., will preach in the church here tomorrow at the 11 o'clock service. The Rev. E. V. Regester will preach in the evening.

"The Trade Mark of Man," will be the subject of the sermon of the Rev. Raymond W. White at the Methodist Protestant church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. In the evening he will speak on "Should a Young Man Join the Church?"

The Rev. Dr. Egbert W. Smith, of Nashville, Tenn., will preach at the Second Presbyterian church in this city tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock and at 8 o'clock in the evening. The pastor, Rev. Dr. John Lee Allison, will preside at both services. Sunday school will be held at 9 30 in the morning, Bible class at 10 o'clock and Christian Endeavor meeting at 7.15 p. m. All the services will be held in the Westminster building.

Judge C. E. Nicol, food commissioner for this city, is in receipt of a telegram from Commissioner White, of Richmond, which authorizes him to give the most liberal interpretation to the Garfield fuel order so far as it relates to food and its manufacture and handling. In other words, the telegram says: "We want no stoppage in any industrial essential necessary to carry food industries over period from Jan 18th to 22d and weekly holidays to March 25th."

The Corporation Commission has granted a charter to the Hayfield Farm Company, incorporated, Alexandria. Maximum, $100.000. Minimum $10.000. Object, real estate. James M. Duncan, president; Kenneth W Ogden, vice-president; James G. Graham, secretary and treasurer. W. F. Woolls with the above compose the board of directors. Business will be conducted at 530 King street. The object of the company is to buy, sell, lease and dispose of real estate, and to engage in agriculture and stock raising.

Mr. C. Kramer who has been confined to his home by illness, is improving and expects to be out in a few days.

The Sunday school and preaching service of the Free Methodist church tomorrow will be held at the home of Mrs. Finnell, corner Prince and Lee streets, at the usual hour. Rev. Van Ness will preach the sermon.

Mrs. Dora Buck, who has been quite ill for some time at 531 South Fairfax street, has been taken to the George Washington University hospital in Washington. Her son, James Mudd, whom she wishes to see, and who has been away for some two years, has not yet been located.

Monday, January 28th, is the date announced for the starting of a campaign in this city for the benefit of the war camp activities. About forty attended the meeting of the committee held last night which was presided over by C. S. Taylor Burke.

Arrangements were practically completed yesterday for the banquet to be given by the Confederate Veterans of R. E. Lee Camp this evening in honor of the birthday of General Robert E. Lee. Senator Kenneth McKellar, of Tennessee, Representative Charles C. Carlin and the Rev. E. V. Regester of this city, will be the speakers. The members of the camp are requested to assemble at Lee Camp Hall in uniform at 7.30. The banquet will be served at 8 o'clock.

At the recent meeting of Friendship Council No. 28, Sons and Daughters of Liberty, the following officers were installed by Past Councillor Mrs. Annie Sisk, assisted by Past Councillor Mrs. Honora Nalls; Councillor, Wm. Dawson; assistant councillor, Miss Edna Henderson; vice councillor, Mrs. Lula Lee; assistant vice councillor, Thos. F. Dawson; recording secretary, Mrs. Flora Courtney; associate recording councillor, Mrs. Kate Grimm; treasurer, J. H. Pettey; financial secretary, Chas. R. Herbert; guide, Mrs. Dora C. Dunn; inside guard, Miss Nellie Peyton; outside guard, Milton Sprouse. Thos. F. Dawson was elected trustee for 18 months, Mrs. Lula Lee trustee for 12 months, D. W. Tyler trustee for six months, Mrs. Annie Sisk as representative to the state council for two years and Geo. W. Crump as representative for one year. The Council is reported in a flourishing condition.

George Welker, driver of the Relief Hook and Ladder truck has tendered his resignation.

The Circuit Court for the city Judge J. B. T. Thornton, was in session today. Several chancery cases were disposed of.

Elizabeth, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs. Guy B. Evans, of 122 South Washington street, died at the Alexandria hospital this morning.

William H. Wheatley, who had been in declining health for some time, died at his home on south Le street shortly before noon today. He is survived by his widow and one son —Linden Wheatley. The deceased was 74 years old. He was born in St Mary's county, Md., but had resided in Alexandria the greater portion of his life. He was a waterman, and many years ago was one of the officers of the steamer John Gibson which plied between Alexandria and New York.

At a meeting of the Retail Merchants Association of this city held this morning at ten o'clock, a resolution was passed requesting all retail merchants of the city, except those who are exempted, to close their places of business on each Monday from Jan. 21 to March 25th. Mr George E. Warfield, chairman of the Alexandria Fuel Commission, was present and explained to all the recent orders received from the United States Fuel Commission. The merchants all agreed to do all in their power to live up strictly to the orders.

The refreshment corps of the Red Cross in this city have established a "Melting Pot" at R. C. Acton's store on King street and it is earnestly hoped that it will soon be filled to overflowing by the good people of Alexandria. Concerning it a member of the committee says: "Bring out your useless old articles, clear your household of the things that only take up room—broken silver, gold, brass copper, plated ware, loose gems, coins of all kinds, etc., and let them go into the melting pot for the benefit of the humanitarian purposes of the Red Cross. Let old Alexandria fill the melting pot to overflowing many times."

CITIES WIN LITIGATION.

State Supreme Court Reverses Itself in Far-Reaching Case.

Disposing of more than 8,000 tax cases, which are said to have been hanging fire until a decision had finally been reached by the Supreme Court of Appeals in the two test cases of the City of Richmond vs. the Drewry Hughes Company and O. B. Berry and Co., the question involved being the right of cities and counties to assess a tax in excess of 30 cents on the $100 upon the capital of merchants, Oscar L. Shewmate, executive assistant of the State Tax Board; E P. Buford, of Brunswick County, and City Attorney Henry R. Pollard, of Richmond, won a signal victory Thursday when the Supreme Court reversed itself in the long drawn out tax litigation.

By this decision the city of Richmond saves $175,000 which it would otherwise be required to pay out by way of tax refund. The Supreme Court yesterday set a precedent for the rights of cities and counties to tax the capital of merchants in excess of 30 cents on the $100, as was previously construed from the State tax segregation act of the General Assembly in extra session in 1915.

Although the cases in question involved only the city of Richmond and the two large merchants of another city, it in reality is a question that involves the tax rights of all cities and counties in the State, and it had been agreed that these two cases should serve as test cases.

An entertainment and euchre under the auspices of Court 54. D. of R., will be given Tuesday night, Jan. 22, 1918, in St. Mary's Hall for the benefit of the K. C. War Fund. Admission 25 cents. 17-1t.

Plague Killing Hundreds.

Tokio, Jan. 19.—Reports received here daily indicate that a pneumonia pjlague is raging unchecked in Northern China. Grave apprehension is felt regarding these reports, since the same pestilence some some years ago caused 60,000 deaths in Manchuria, resulting in a call for American relief.

The victims include a number of foreign missionaries. The natives are said to be dying by hundreds. Chaotic conditions obtain owing to internal strife.

The government is charged in many sections with criminal negligence for not having taken preventive steps. Foreign doctors are rushing to the infected districts.

Death Notice.

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Norris died at half-past one o'clock this afternoon at the home of her sister, Mrs. Harry Priest, 1714 Duke street. She was the daughter of Mrs. Bessie Kerrick and was in her 41st year. She is survived by her mother, three brothers, Mr. H. W., W. P., and M. F. Kerrick, also four sisters, Mrs. Lloyd E. Spittle, of Cleveland, Ohio, Mrs. T. L. Nunnellee, of Washington. and Mrs. J. W. Reeves and Mrs. Harry Priest, of Alexandria. (Washington papers please copy).

January 19, 1918.

Administrators' Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of the late Mrs. Mary E. Woodward, deceased, of Del Ray, Alexandria County, Va., all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make prompt settlement and all persons to whom the estate may be indebted are requested to present their claims properly authenticated for settlement.

Robinson Moncure,
Administrator.

17-10t

Store Closed Monday.

The store of Mr. M. Rosenfeld, 518 King street, will be closed on Monday. 17-1t

LATE MRS. MASON.

Deceased Was Wife of Rector Emeritus of Grace Episcopal Church in Richmond.

Mrs. Lucy Ambler Mason, wife of Rev. Landon Randolph Mason, D. D. rector emeritus of Grace Episcopal Church, Richmond, as was stated in yesterday's Gazette died suddenly at her home Thursday in that city. While Mrs. Mason had been in poor health for a long time, her death was entirely unexpected, and was a great shock to her family and friends.

Mrs. Mason was Miss Lucy Ambler, daughter of Rev. John Ambler, a well-known Episcopal minister of his day and Anna Mason. She was born in Fauquier County. and would have been seventy-one years old in May of the present year. She was married to Rev. Landon Randolph Mason Nov. 9, 1875. Dr. Mason and six children survive Mrs. Mason The children are: two daughters, Miss Lucy Randolph Mason and Mrs. Taylor Burke, of Alexandria, and three sons, Lieutenant Randolph Fitzhugh Mason, of Camp Lee; John Ambler Mason, of Baltimore, and Lieutenant Landon Randolph Mason, of the English Royal Engineers, now fighting near Jerusalem.

Mrs. Mason had lived in Richmond twenty-six years.

The funeral was held from Grace Episcopal church Richmond, this morning at 11 o'clock, and was conducted by Rev. William H. Burkhardt. Burial was in Hollywood.

In Memoriam.

In sad but loving remembrance of our dear mother, Mrs. Sarah L. Padgett, who fell asleep in Jesus on January 20, 1917, one year ago tomorrow. Gone, but not forgotten.

Her loving daughters, Bessie and Grayce.

17-1t.

MILLIONS IN SUPPLIES

Figures Given out by the Quartermaster General's Department Concerning Clothing and Other Things For Army.

Richmond, Jan. 19.—An inkling of the work of the Quartermaster General's department in supplying American troops in France and in training camps, and preparing for future armies, is furnished in a statement just issued by the Virginia Council of Defense, in accordance with an agreement with the National Council of Defense, showing the many millions of overcoats, hats, shoes, gloves and other articles of wearing apparel that have been contracted for and already furnished, to say nothing of the enormous food stores.

Nearly twenty square miles of new army blankets have been ordered by the Quartermaster General since war was declared. Some 4,000 acres of them—5,990.236 blankets had been delivered up to December 1. If the blankets were evenly distributed, there would be enough to give three to every man in the army.

Overcoats contracted for number 7,691,350. If half of the entire number of men of draft age in the country should be called to the colors, these contracts would supply each with an overcoat. Deliveries of overcoats amounted on December 1 to 2,026,846. Included in the total are some hundreds of thousands of deliveries at army supply stations, instead of at the camps and cantonments. Otherwise no man in any of the camps would have had to go without an overcoat during the unprecedented cold weather of last month.

The army is particularly well supplied with shoes as 21,117,612 pairs have been contracted for, and 8,525,098 pairs delivered. Every soldier can use up four pairs before the supply on hand is exhausted.

A total of 3,554,091 hats have been delivered on contracts calling for 8,092,021.

For O. D. shirts 35,155.081 yards of woolen cloth have been contracted for. To call it 19,974 miles of cloth will perhaps give a clearer idea of the size of the order. A total of 10,290,205 yards of this material has been made up into 5,676,444 shirts.

The contract for woolen uniform cloth reach the somewhat smaller figure of 28,956,958 yards of which 11,299,867 yards have been delivered and have been made into 2,378.511 complete winter uniforms and 455,856 extra pairs of breeches.

Up to December 10.848,503 pieces of winter underwear had been delivered, out of 28,275,845 pieces contracted for.

Other articles that have had to be supplied to the camps in great quantities are bed sacks, comforters, leggings and socks. Of the four camps visited by Surgeon General Gorgas, in his recent tour of inspection, none reported a shortage of bed sacks. There were leggings enough to go around, and the supply of light woolen socks was large enough to give each man three pairs.

The latest reports concerning supplies are from Camp Sevier, down in Greenville, S. C., where the national guardsmen from Tennessee and the Carolinas are training. Sevier reported plenty of overcoats on hand, but far from an adequate stock of woolen uniforms. About 24,240 coats ordered shipped from New York on Nov. 13 had not yet reached Greenville at the end of the month. Placing the responsibility aright for such situations as this was the purpose of the recent Congressional investigation.

In this way the Quartermaster Department is feeding five times as many troops as in the War with Spain with food costing three times what it cost in 1898, and hard to get at any price. Keeping a million men for a year on the United States garrison ration means the provision of 225,000 tons—450,000,000 pounds—of fresh beef, This figure is reduced somewhat by the substitution of other fresh meats—turkey on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas, and occasionally mutton or fish.

Three hundred million pounds of flour must be supplied for the bread ration, not including the flour used in making hard bread. Other items of food supply are 29,600,000 pounds of coffee. 25,000 tons of sugar and 366,000 gallons of cucumber pickles.

Besides the articles of the regular ration, the Quartermaster Department keeps on hand 185 items of stock for sale at cost. Many of these items are things to eat. Others are shoe-blacking, writing paper, talcum powder—148,800 cans—and a few bottles of toilet water.

In addition to supplying food and equipment for the new armies, the Quartermaster Department—with the help, here as in other fields of its activities, of the civilian experts of the Council of National Defense—has had to build the cantonments. And the lengthening of supply lines by the movement of troops to France increases its labor day by day.

MAKES CHANGE IN NAME

American Shipbuilding Corporation of Alexandria Changes Its Name to the Virginia Shipbuilding Corporation of Virginia.

The Daily Marine Record, of New York, will today publish the following:

"The United States Shipbuilding Company announces that its subsidiary, the American Shipbuilding Corporation, of Virginia, has effected a change of name to the Virginia Shipbuilding Corporation of Virginia, owing to the confusion on account of other companies bearing similar names. This company has contracts for twelve ninety-four hundred ton steel cargo ships, Moore and Scott type. Isherwood design, to be built at their plant now under construction at Alexandria. This contract is in addition to those contracts being executed for the same company by the Groton Iron Works at its Groton and Noank plants, the latter being for steel ships and wooden hulls, respectively."

RED CROSS SCHOOL WORK.

Junior American Red Cross Workers to be Organized in Alexandria City and County.

Miss Katherine Stuart has been appointed chairman of school work and Mr. Taylor Burke school treasurer, for the city of Alexandria and and Alexandria County. The schools have been organized as Red Cross units with officers consisting of the principal, secretary and treasurer forming school committees responsible for the work and the raising of funds.

They ask for aid from all citizens for their work among the children. Gifts of money, old sheets, pillow cases, table cloths, linen and soft white material for clippings, scraps of silk for pin balls, scraps of worsted, old material to make small shawls, any outing material old or new and spool cotton. The merchants are asked to look over their old stock and send any samples or short pieces of material which can be used to give the enthusiastic Junior Red Cross workers help in their splendid work to do their bit for our country and our faithful allies.

The superintendent and teachers have invited and the National Red Cross has consented for Miss Stuart to organize the Alexandria County schools and she will do so. A local committee will assist in this work.

List of Units.

Lee School Unit—Miss Smith, principal; Miss Fawcett, secretary; Miss Hammerly, treasurer; Miss Payne, member.

Washington school unit—Miss Nevitt, principal; Miss Douglass, secretary; Miss McCorkle, treasurer.

High school unit—Mr. Wood, principal; Miss Dickert, secretary, Mr. Ray, treasurer.

West end unit—Miss Summers, principal; Miss Johnson, secretary; Miss Burnley, treasurer.

Mt. Ida Unit—Miss Huffington, principal; Miss Watts, secretary, Miss O'Neill, treasurer.

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ROBERT E. LEE'S BIRTHDAY.

Today, January 19, is being observed throughout Virginia and the southern country as the anniversary of the birth of Robert E. Lee. The banks and state and city offices have been closed. The anniversary falling this year upon Saturday, the public schools were, of course, closed.

As was the case during the civil war, the present disturbed conditions in the country are not conducive to the celebration of anniversaries, hence the 19th of January this year has not produced the enthusiasm among the masses that it did a few years ago when peace reigned throughout the land. During the war between the states, the Gazette plant having been destroyed in the early part of the conflict, there was published a small paper in order to record the events incident to the four years' conflict. The publication of the Gazette was invariably suspended on the twenty-second of February, the anniversary of the birthday of George Washington, but the business of the city was in no way suspended on such occasions. This was as might have been expected; war was raging and it cast its shadow over everything else. It is so now in the hurry of preparation and the sacrifices the country is called upon to make in a war aimed directly at our free institutions for which Washington and Lee fought.

The principal feature, however, the annual reunion of wearers of the gray, under the auspices of R. E. Lee Camp of Confederate Veterans, will not be omitted. Alexandrians who for four years followed Robert E. Lee as well as others living in our midst, with many of their friends, will assemble in the Confederate Building on Prince street, near Columbus, tonight, where mirth as well as pathos will be in evidence.

Many old Confeds have answered the last roll call since the origin of the annual reunions and banquets twenty-nine years ago. Some have crossed the river since January 19, 1917. While absent in body, they may tonight be present in spirit while the few of their comrades still in the land of the living are honoring their great leader.

A PERTINENT QUERY.

Dr. Garfield offers an explanation of his sudden and sweeping order for the conservation of fuel that it will be difficult for his critics, in or out of the Senate, to answer as the Baltimore Sun largely observes. Some two or three hundred ships, loaded or to be loaded with ammunition and food for our soldiers and the soldiers of Great Britain and France, are tied up in American ports because they have not been able to get coal. These ships cannot sail till their bunkers are filled with fuel. Now, which was more important—that these ships should be speeded to Europe or that American industries, in part of the country, should stand still and mark time an extra three days and a half now and for eight or ten hours a week for the next ten weeks?

Whether Dr. Garfield's remedy for the existing evils in the fuel situation is the best that could have been devised or not, it promises to insure three big results on which all minor results depend. The homes of the people will be kept warm; the hundreds of munition and supply ships in our harbors will be enabled to start for Europe with the cargoes indispensable for our own soldiers and for our allies; and, last but not least, our systems of railroad transportation will be cured of the paralysis and congestion that have crippled them, and will be set to running smoothly and efficiently.

Even if these things shall have been accomplished by clumsy and unnecessarily painful methods, the ends will justify the means.

Let us all determine to convert this blunder, if it is a blunder, into a blessing and a success. If we do not, then we shall prove ourselves greater blunderers than the most critical of us have assumed Dr. Garfield to be.

A BLESSING IN DISGUISE.

The United States is now feeling the pinch of war, not only in the scarcity of fuel, but in nearly everything else which we use for comfort or sustentation. Present conditions are not conducive to prodigality, and when the war and its issues shall have burned out and normal conditions shall have been reproduced people will realize that they have been taught life-long lessons in frugality and conservation.

The civilized world has long been familiar with the saving and utilization instincts of the French, and this is not the first time bread cards have been used in France. Following the French revolution, and while Napoleon Bonaparte was comparatively obscure, we read in the lives of Hortense, his step-daughter, and other historic French people that guests to dinners or other social gatherings were requested to bring with them their white bread. This was in consequence of the law which allowed each individual his or her share of the staff of life, and it was necessary for the attendants to pool their allowances.

We are told that a French soldier, after having received his discharge from the army, was looking around for something to do, when he conceived the idea of purchasing the crust and castaway pieces of bread from Paris cafes and converting them into food for birds. After securing the scraps he toasted them and subsequently ground the particles to meal. He then filled small paper bags with the toasted crumbs and sold the packages to bird fanciers. He built up a large business and died leaving a large estate. His fortune was made out of scraps which had previously been thrown away.

The French, we are told, utilize everything in the way of food; nothing is allowed to go to waste. Left-over meats appear in soups or hashes, with potatoes and other vegetables not consumed at previous meals.

The people of the United States may find themselves imitating their allies in the near future. We have generally been blessed with too much in the way of eatables. A quarter of a century ago corn was selling in the far west at ten cents a bushel, and for want of transportation to market was being used for fuel in some sections.

The Philadelphia Ledger recently contained the following:

"If peace came tomorrow, it would leave the American people with one good habit, at least—that of saving their money and investing it in sound securities.

Two Liberty loans and the new system of government certificates have wrought great changes in the financial habits of the country: Fully 10,000,000 people have learned how to buy bonds. The "baby bond" problem, long pondered by bankers and sellers of securities, has been solved in a few months. A great new public for sound securities has been created, offering new facilities for the financing of legitimate enterprises.

"The market for get-rich-quick investments has suffered a setback and the public is not only going to take a more practical interest in business affairs, because it is learning to put its money into corporate enterprises, but it is also going to have a keener interest in public affairs and administration and taxes, because at least one person out of 10 now has money invested in the Government, and an incentive for watching its affairs to see how public money is handled."

SEASON FOR COLDS.

During the past five or six weeks the greater percentage of Alexandrians have suffered from colds in various forms. In some cases these ailments have resulted in grip, and in others the dreaded pneumonia has developed. Doctors themselves have been victims of colds notwithstanding all the precautions they may have taken.

During the inclement season, or until the advent of spring, colds in the head are imminent from the unfriendly atmosphere of this section, and any suggestion by which catarrhal and other similar troubles can be avoided will doubtless be heeded by those whose fate it is to suffer from such disorders.

Some aver that a cold bath every morning is the best preventive for winter colds. The fallacy of this heroic measure has often been proven. Others believe in the efficacy of finger rings made from copper and tin. This so-called preventive is about as efficacious as the carrying of horsechestnuts in our pockets in order to become immune from other distempers. Many are convinced that sprinkling of powdered sulphur in the shoes is a sure preventive for colds and grip. But the prescription has disappointed many.

A physician in a neighboring city once said that a cold in the head was caused by a congestion of the system, and was a house disease. He called attention to the fact that a cold is invariably accompanied with constipation. He compared the human system to a furnace which burns satisfactorily, so long as the ashes and clinkers are kept out and the draughts are open, but which burns low under other conditions. The human system, he said, should be kept open as is the furnace if we desire the fires of life to burn satisfactorily. An old and well known Alexandrian, who died last September while in his ninetieth year, attributed his long life to deep breathing, and the following from the Ohio State Journal gives weight to the convictions of the deceased:

"A person remarked to us that everybody seemed to have a cold these days, and the afflicted ones generally testify that they have had them for a long time and can't get rid of them. For the incorrigible cases we have nothing to suggest, but we have for those who are just taking a cold, and it is this: Breathe deep, energetically and repeatedly till the cold retires.

This seems very simple and rather bold in us to suggest it, but many persons have tried it and say it works like a charm. Many will say the cold would leave anyhow. We don't think our friends, the doctors, would urge this objection. The remedy has its reason. The cold is generally located in the capillaries, where the blood, made sluggish by drafts or other exposures, becomes clogged up and interferes with the circulation, which is really the definition of a cold. Now, deep breathing oxidizes the blood, puts pep into it, and it goes down the veins with a rush.

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P. M.----12 20, 12 40, 1 00, 1 20, 1 40, 2 00, 2 20, 2 40, 3 00, 3 20, 3 40, 4 00, 4 20, 4 40, 5 00, 5 20, 5 40, 6 00, 6 40, 7 00, 7 20, 7 35, 8 00, 8 30, 9 00, 9 30, 10 00, 10 30, 11 10, 11 55.

Sunday and Holidays, same as above, except trains at 5 00, 5 40, 6 00, 6 20, 6 40, 7 10, 7 30, 7 50, and 8 10 A. M. and 11 55 P. M.

Leave Alexandria For Mt. Vernon.

A. M.---Week Days---5 35, 6 55, 7 35, 8 55, 10 30, 11 30.—P. M.—12 30, 1 30, 2 30, 3 30, 4 30, 5 35, 6 40, 7 35, 9 10, 10 20, 11 50.

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Accommodation for Quantico at 11:03 a. m. daily and 2:38 p. m. Saturdays. Night train leaves 11:48 p. m. daily for Fredericksburg and intermediate stations.

NOTE—Times of arrival and departure and connections not guaranteed.

WANTS VIRGINIA EXEMPTED.

Byrd Says Situation in This State Does Not Justify Drastic Suspension of Business.

Recommendation to Fuel Administrator Garfield that Virginia be exempted from the drastic regulations of the national fuel administration, causing a halt in industrial activity for five days, beginning yesterday, and every Monday thereafter until March 25, was made Thursday by State Administrator Harry Flood Byrd.

Following is the statement of Mr. Byrd, given in answer to inquiries on the situation:

"Virginia will literally obey the drastic regulations as directed by National Fuel Administrator Garfield. The people of Virginia are willing to bear their proportionate share of the discomfort, financial loss, and, if necessary, suffering occasioned by the nation-wide shortage of coal, providing that other communities in distress can be relieved and war preparations promoted.

"The fuel situation in Virginia, however, does not warrant this drastic suspension of industrial and other business activities. The coal question today is one of distribution. The coal released in Virginia by reason of the regulations just announced will not reach the New England and Western States now in distress on account of railroad congestion.

"I have recommended to Mr. Garfield that, by reason of the peculiar conditions existing, that Virginia be exempted from the general order. Until, however, the recommendation is acted upon favorably by Mr. Garfield, the regulations just announced will be rigidly enforced by me with the co-operation and assistance of members of the local fuel commissions throughout Virginia."

FIGHTS IN PETROGRAD.

More Disorder in Russian Capital During Which a Number of People Were Killed.

Petrograd, Jan. 19.—Discovery of a counter revolutionary plot to overthrow the Bolsheviki, probably under leadership of former Premier Kerensky, is announced by the city safety commission today while the Bolsheviki concentrated strong forces of troops in the city.

The commission's proclamation declared Kerensky had arrived secretly in the city and was hiding there.

The city bristled with fighting forces, including a large number of troops brought to the capital by the Bolsheviki after formal announcement of discovery of a counter-revolutionary plot.

Many persons were killed in rioting The constituent assembly opened at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The fighting in the down town streets occurred just prior to this.

Among those killed in the rioting was M. Logvinoff, of the executive committee of the peasants' congress. The wounded included many women.

Versions of how the rioting started differ. The most coherent story was that a procession of the society for defense of the constituent assembly was attacked by the Bolsheviki (Maximalists) and their banners destroyed.

NEW FUEL SUPPLY FOUND.

Austin, Texas, Converts Garbage Into Heat Producer.

The city of Austin, Texas, has solved the problem of garbage disposal in a way that is not only sanitary but profitable. It turns it into a high-grade fuel.

Forty of Austin's leading citizens formed a company and made a contract to remove all the city's refuse and garbage. This is taken to a factory where all noninflammable objects, such as bottles, iron, tin cans, etc. are removed. What is left is ground, mixed with a certain proportion of ground coal slack, steam and creosote and reduced to pulp. This is molded into bricks weighing two pounds and set aside to dry. These bricks sell at $6.50 per 1,000 (one ton). The university of Texas analyst tested them against oak wood for their heat-producing qualities and found that where oak gave 8,000 heat units these garbage bricks gave 12,000. They burn equally well in ranges, furnaces, bakery grates, open grates and baseburner stoves.

As a result of Austin's success several other cities are installing plants of a similar nature.

DEATH OF CENTENARIAN.

Deceased Had Been Acquainted With Presidents Jackson and Taylor.

Tobias W. Staiar, 101 years old, who knew President Jackson and General Taylor, died last week at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Kate Staiar Rousseau, in Washington. The body was sent to his late home, in Owenton, Ky., for interment.

Following the death of his wife Dec. 5, after a life together of more than seventy years, Mr. Staiar went to Washington from Owenton shortly before the holiday to make his future home with his daughter.

The deceased was born in Fredericksburg, Va., May 22, 1816, Mr. Staiar lacked but a few months of rounding out his 102nd year.

ATTACK GUARD AND ESCAPE.

Four Men Get Away From Camp Located in Spotsylvania County.

After attacking and severely beating the armed guard, four negro convicts escaped from the Spotsylvania road force, near Brokenburg, about 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

William Adams (No. 14,835), convicted in Fairfax County last September for a criminal assault, and sentenced to ten years is one of the fugitives.

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Alexandrians, Attention!

You Who Are Property Owners.

This office is wrestling with Real Estate problems and even though our list of properties is large, we are unable to satisfy every client. Therefore, we appeal to you to list yours, whether it be improved or unimproved, furnished or unfurnished. Remember that with everybody's co-operation, Alexandria must and will become commercially important.

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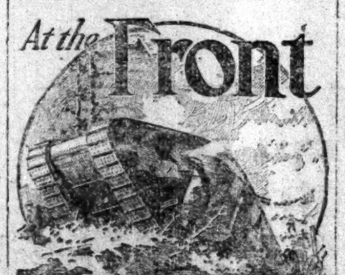

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At the direction of the Fuel Administrator for Virginia, an order has been issued to the retail dealers of coal in this city and county, not to deliver coal to household consumers, in quantities in excess of two tons and then only when the consumer's supply on hand is two tons or less. This will make the maximum quantity of four tons at any one time. To larger consumers, deliveries are not to be made in quantities greater than the actual needs of the consumers for fifteen days, and then only when the consumer's supply on hand is less than their requirements for fifteen days. This will make the maximum quantity held by larger consumers at any one time, only sufficient for their actual needs for thirty days or less. Industries buying coal in carload lots must obtain special permit from the Fuel Administrator.

To make this order effective, and to relieve the dealer of the responsibility and difficulty of ascertaining the supply any consumer has on hand, it is arranged that an affidavit be furnished by the purchasers of coal in excess of one-half ton (this affidavit can be made by any member of the family over sixteen years of age.) These forms for making the affidavits will be in the hands of the dealers, and notaries and the affidavits will be taken without charge, by any one of the following notaries public, who have offered their services to aid the Commission in this work:

Miss Gladys M. Brooks, room 1, Alexandria National bank building, W. C. Drury, 107 south Royal street; J. T. Burke, Burke and Herbert; Miss Cora Duffey, Office, Clerk of Court; Courtland H. Davis, 121 south Royal street; Claude H. Crump, 1801 King street; M. L. Dinwiddie, Citizens National Bank; J. J. Green, First National Bank; E. J. Fleming, 119 south Fairfax street; A. C. Moss, Alexandria National Bank.

By order of
ALBERT BRYAN, D. N. RUST, Jr., GEO. E. WARFIELD,
Fuel Commission, Alexandria city and County.

GERMANY WEARING OUT.

Americans Permitted to Cross The Kaiser's Empire Shocked at Terrible Conditions.

New York, Jan. 19.—"The condition of the German populace is pitiable; the people cannot hold out much longer. The suffering of the Germans is wholly unrealized in the Allied countries. We believe the next offensive will be the finish of the war for Germany."

That was the statement of two Americans who have just reached France after traveling through Germany from Russia. Their statement is given in a special cablegram from Paris to the New York Globe, the cable stating that permission for the trip was granted them because German officials were grateful for their care of German prisoners in Russia. They were the only belligerents who have recently been permitted to go into Germany.

"The German people are incredibly haggard, wan and listless, as we saw them through the car windows," they continued. "They seem tired and dejected. We were not permitted to talk to any except the train attendants, but we were convinced by what we saw that weakness, caused by starvation, will soon bring the resistance of the people to a close.

"The stoppage of food from the Scandinavian countries was a hard blow, and no food can come from Russia for another year. For Russia is on the verge of starvation, and not only are her railroads demoralized, but there is real hostility among the people toward the Germans.

"Germans are refusing now to accept nearly a million tuberculosis prisoners taken by the Russians, because the care of them would be a further drain on their exhausted resources. We are surprised at the failure of the people of the Allied countries to understand the great weakness of Germany."

There has been renewed talk of German dictatorship, the two travelers said. They believe this was evidence of the pressing weakness of the situation. The dictatorship would enable the pan-Germans to repress more savagely the resistance of the people exploited by the military caste and the junkers. This is the first genuine sign of German collapse.

SHOT LITTLE GIRL IN PLAY.

Boy Found Loaded Revolver, Which He Fired at Playmate.

Philadelphia, Jan. 19.—Searching for his little companion with a revolver in his hand Wednesday afternoon, 7-year-old Joseph Crisby, of No. 2030 Cemetery avenue, accidentally pulled the trigger and the bullet entered the head of 9-year-old Agnes Burk, of No. 6048 Greenway avenue. The girl was taken to the Presbyterian Hospital and is in a critical condition. The shooting occurred in the Crisby Home.

The police learned that the children were playing in the house and that little Agnes ran with a doll into one of the rooms to hide. Joseph searched in vain for his playmate, looking in the closets and under the bed. Then he looked under the bedclothes and found a loaded revolver.

While carrying the weapon, it was explained, the boy heard Agnes move and becoming startled he discharged the revolver. The girl ran screaming from the house and collapsed on the pavement. She was picked up by neighbors and sent to the hospital. The Thirty-second district police questioned Joseph, He was sent to the House of Detention.

COMPULSORY RATIONING.

London and Home Counties Will Obtain Food by Cards Next Month.

London, Jan. 19.—Compulsory rationing has come. London and the home counties will go on rations February 25. Details of the scheme are not yet fully determined upon, because the local food committees have until Monday to proffer any late suggestions as to the workings of the plan.

Naturally, there are questions innumerable being asked on all sides about the running scheme, and there will be many protests against whatever form the ministry decides upon. So far London has been remarkably free from anything like organized protest against food conditions, but in outlying districts conditions have been worse. In Manchester yesterday thousands of munition workers "downed their tools" as a protest against alleged unequal distribution of food. The lord mayor addressed the workers, who had formed a procession two miles long and marched to the city hall and promised immediate action. The demonstration was one of the most orderly in the history of such affairs, and had an undeniable effect of bringing home to many officials the necessity for prompt action.

TEXAN RAMMED BY WARSHIP.

American Liner Reaches Port—Saved by Bulkheads—Crew Unhurt.

An Atlantic Port, Jan. 19.—The Hawaiian American Line steamship Texan, which was in collision at sea last Monday, has arrived here safely under her own steam. It became known that she was rammed by a convoying warship, which punched a large hole in her port side.

The Texan's watertight bulkheads saved her from sinking. Several compartments were full of water when the big merchantman steamed slowly into port. As far as could be learned th eTexan made her return voyage from the scene of the accident unescorted. It was said that none of the crew was injured.

The vessel was taken in charge by coast guard craft when she entered the harbor. She will be drydocked for repairs.

O, You Hoover!

This poem, without the author's name, is going the rounds of employees in Government departments at Washington:

My Tuesdays are meatless,
My Wednesdays are wheatless;
I am getting more eatless each day.
My home it is heatless,
My bed it is sheetless;
They're all sent to the Y. M. C. A.
The barrooms are treatless,
My coffee is sweetless;
Each day I get poorer and wiser,
My stockings are feetless,
My trousers are seatless;
My! How I do hate the Kaiser!

Skiff Upsets, 17 Lose Lives.

Tampa, Fla., Jan. 19.—Seventeen men, six of whom were whites and the remainder negroes, are known to have perished Wednesday when two skiffs in which they were being towed by a ferry across the estuary channel here upset in midstream and sank.

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